

Christ glorified II. Thessalonians. in his Saints.

THE SECOND EPISTLE
of Paul the Apostle to the
Thessalonians.

C H A P. I.

1 S. Paul certifieth them of the good opinion which hee had of their faith, loue, and patience: 2 And therewithall vseth diuers reasons for the comforting of them in persecution, whereof the chiefest is taken from the righteous iudgement of God.



Aul and Silua-
nus, and Timo-
theus vnto the
Church of the
Thessalonias, in
God our Father,
and the Lord Je-
sus Christ:

2 Grace vnto
you, and peace
from God our Father, and the Lorde
Jesus Christ.

3 Wee are bound to thanke God al-
wayes for you, brethren, as it is meete,
because that your faith groweth ex-
ceedingly, and the charitie of every one of
you al towards each other aboundeth:

4 So that wee our selues glorie in
you in the Churches of God, for your
patience and faith in all your persecuti-
ons and tribulations that yee endure.

5 Which is a manifest token of the
righteous iudgement of God, that yee
may bee counted worthy of the king-
dome of God, for which yee also suffer;

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing
with God to recompence tribulation to
them that trouble you:

7 And to you who are troubled, rest
with vs, when the Lord Jesus shalbe
revealed from heauen, ^twith his migh-
tie Angels,

8 In flaming fire, || taking venge-
ance on them that know not God, and
that obey not the Gospel of our Lorde
Jesus Christ,

9 Who shalbe punished with euer-
lasting destruction from the presence of

the Lord, and from the glory of his
power:

12 When hee shall come to bee glori-
fied in his Saints, and to bee admired
in all them that beleue (because our te-
stimony among you was beleued) in
that day.

11 Wherefore also we pray alwayes for
you, that our God would || count you
worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the
good pleasure of his goodnesse, and the
worke of faith with power:

12 That the Name of our Lord Je-
sus Christ may bee glorified in you, and
ye in him, according to the grace of our
God, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

C H A P. II.

1 Hee willeth them to continue stedfast in the
truthe received, 2 Sheweth that there shall
bee a departure from the faith, 9 and a dis-
couery of Antichrist, before the day of the
Lord come. 15 And thereupon repeateh
his former exhortation, & prayeth for them.

Now wee beseech you, bre-
thren, by the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ,
and by our gathering to-
gether vnto him,

2 That yee bee not soone shaken in
munde, or bee troubled, neither by spirit,
nor by word, nor by letter, as from vs,
as that the day of Christ is at hand,

3 Let no man deceiue you by any
meanes, for that day shall not come, except
there come a falling away first, and that
man of sinne bee revealed, the sonne of
perdition,

4 Who opposeth and exalteth him-
selfe aboue all that is called God, or that
is worshipped: so that he as God, sitteth
in the Temple of God, shewing him-
selfe that he is God.

5 Remember yee not, that when I
was yet with you, I tolde you these
things:

6 And

^tGr. the an-
gels of his
power.

|| Or, yeel-
ding.

^{¶ Or, boldeth.}

6 And now yee know what || with-holdeth, that hee might bee reuealed in his time.

7 For the mysterie of iniquitie doth alreadie worke: onely he who now let-
teth, will let, vntill he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that wicked bee reuealed, whome the Lord shall con-
sume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightnesse of his comming:

9 Euen him whose comming is after the working of Satan, with all power and signes, and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceineableness of vnrigheteousnesse, in them that perish: because they retained not the loue of the trueth, that they might be saued.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they shoulde beleue a lye:

12 That they all might bee damned who beleued not the trueth, but had pleasure in vnrigheteousnes.

13 But we are bound to gue thanks alway to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the spirit, and beleefe of the trueth,

14 Whereunto he called you by our Gospel, to the obtaining of the glorie of the Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which yee haue beeene taught, whether by word or our Epistle.

16 Now our Lorde Jesus Christ himselfe, and God euen our Father, which hath loued vs, and hath giuen vs everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and worke.

C H A P. III.

He craueth their prayers for himselfe, 3 testifieth what confidence hee hath in them, 5 maketh request to God in their behalfe, 6 giueth them diuers precepts, especially to shun idlenesse, and ill company, 16 And last of all concludeth with prayer and salutation.

P Finally, brethren, pray for vs, that the word of the Lord may haue free course, and be glorified, euen as it is with you:

2 And that we may

bee deliuered from ^t unreasonable and wicked men: for all men haue not faith. ^{t Gr. absurd.}

3 But the Lord is fauill, who shall stablish you, and keepe you from euill.

4 And wee haue confidence in the Lord touching you, that yee both doe, and will doe the things which we command you.

5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the loue of God, and into [¶] the patient waiting for Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw your selues from euery brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which hee received of vs.

7 For your selues know how yee ought to follow vs: for wee behaued not our selues disorderly among you,

8 Neither did wee eat any mans bread for nought: but wrought with la-bour and traualle night and day, that wee might not bee chargeable to any of you.

9 Not because we haue not power, but to make our selues an ensample unto you to follow vs.

10 For even when wee were with you, this wee commanded you, that if any would not worke, neither should hee eat.

11 For we heare that there are some which walke among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busi-bodies.

12 Now them that are such, we com-mand, and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietnesse they worke, and eat their owne bread.

13 But ye, brethren, [¶] be not wearie in well doing.

14 And if any man obey not our word, by this Epistle [¶] note that man, and haue no company with him, that he may be ashamed,

15 Yet count him not as an enemie, but admonish him as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace himselfe, give you peace alwayes, by all meanes. The Lord be with you all.

17 The salutation of Paul, with mine owne hand, which is the token in every Epistle: so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

CThe second Epistle to the Thessalo-nians was written from Athens.